

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims:

Claims 1- 14. (cancelled)

15 (currently amended). An access method for an optical disk including ~~an~~ a continuous information layer having a first region containing mastered content and a second region which is user writeable, the method comprising:

recording license information in the second region of the continuous information layer;

comparing the license information to license criteria; and

permitting access to at least a portion of the mastered content responsive to the comparison of the license information to license criteria.

16. (previously submitted) The method of claim 15, wherein the mastered content is parallel-written mastered content.

17. (previously submitted) The method of claim 15, wherein the optical disk is a first surface optical disk.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the continuous information layer ~~second region~~ comprises a phase change layer.